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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Amendment filed on 12/15/2005 has been entered.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the specifics of the drive device, e.g. pressure rolls, must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3, 6-9 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krann (FR 2 529 813).

Krann discloses a metal bar cutter comprising all the elements claimed including, inter alia, two actuating levers (1, 1) each comprising a first arm (e.g. the section below 2 in Fig. 1) and a second arm (e.g. the section above 2 in Fig. 1) with each having a pivot (3, 3); slanted surfaces (the surfaces on either side of reference 4 in Fig. 1); and separate cutting inserts (e.g. 8, 10) each having a receptacle

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krann (FR 2 529 813) in view of Yoshimizu et al (DE 195 15 955 A1).

Krann discloses the invention substantially as claimed except that the reference is not clear whether the support area of the receptacle has a thread. However, Yoshimizu

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et al teaches a bolt cutter in which respective inserts (6, 7) have a receptacle support area (6a,b & 7a,b) having a thread to thereby support thread workpieces to be cut. It is obvious from the teachings that this type of threaded configuration for the receptacle support area is ideal in minimizing undue deformation of the threads on the workpiece itself during the cut. Note Figs. 1-5. Thus, it would have been obvious to the ordinary artisan at the time of the instant invention to provide the device of Krann with the thread in the support area as taught and suggested by Yoshimizu et al in order to facilitate proper holding engagement of threaded workpieces while the same is being cut.

7. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krann (FR 2 529 813) in view of the Admitted Prior Art (e.g. pp. 5-6, ¶ [0014]).

Krann discloses the invention substantially as claimed except for a roller type drive device. However, to the extent understood of this limitation due to the non-inclusion of a corresponding drawing with the specifics of such a drive device, the Admitted Prior Art acknowledges that the claimed drive device is known in the art to drive bolt cutters especially to provide the cutter with a positive drive for the cutting operation, i.e. motor operated or the operation is automated. Thus, it would have been obvious to the ordinary artisan at the time of the instant invention to provide the device of Krann with the drive device as taught by the Admitted Prior Art in order to facilitate automated cutting operation of the device or to facilitate enhanced cutting pressure of the device that normal manual operation may not provide, since it has been held that broadly providing a mechanical or automatic means to replace manual activity which

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has accomplished the same result involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Venner*, 120 USPQ 192.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 and 6-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Goodman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4508. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday between 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM EST.

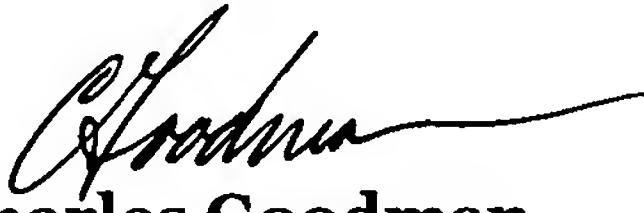
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap, can be reached on (571) 272-4514. In lieu of mailing, it is encouraged that all formal responses be faxed to **(571) 273-8300**.

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